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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	SECURITY INFORMATION <u>REPORT</u>	
TOPIC <u>Incoming and Outgoing Shipments Observed at the Air Force Depot in Strausberg</u>		
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Incoming and outgoing shipments at the air force depot on Hegermuehlenstrasse in Strausberg between 15 May and 28 August 1953, except for the days from 9 June to 15 July 1953.

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2. The depot was operated by an estimated 120 troops.

3. Two-minute test runs of jet engines were heard from 4:20 to 4:40 p.m. on 6 August, at 4 p.m. on 7 August, at 8:45 and 9 a.m. on 13 August and at 10 a.m. on 26 August. 1

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4. The following incoming and outgoing shipments were observed between 18 May and 25 August 1953:

<u>Date in 1953</u>	<u>Incoming Shipment</u>	<u>Outgoing Shipment</u>	<u>From - To</u>
18 May	truck <u>with trailer, loaded with 1 medium box and some old truck tires</u>	truck <u>with trailer, each with a jet aircraft crate of 3.30 x 1.50 x 1.80 meters</u>	from the direction of the material depot to Strausberg or Werneuchen airfield
20 May	truck <u>with trailer, loaded with 6 iron barrels and truck loaded with medium boxes</u>		
21 May	truck <u>loaded with small boxes, presumably ammunition boxes and truck loaded with medium boxes</u>	truck <u>loaded with medium boxes, suitcases, rucksacks and packets</u>	
25 May	truck <u>loaded with medium boxes</u>	trucks <u>both loaded with medium boxes</u>	

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23 May	truck [] loaded with medium boxes	truck [] loaded with medium boxes and other dark-green boxes	25X1
29 May		[] loaded with medium boxes and old truck tires; and truck [] loaded with old machine parts, scrap iron, tubes, sheets, etc.	toward the airfield of Strausberg or Werneuchen 25X1
1 June	truck [] loaded with a 60-liter carboy		25X1
4 June	truck [] loaded with about 8 x 200-liter gasoline drums	6 trucks including [] including 4 with trailer and loaded with a total of 10 light-gray jet-aircraft crates, 2.75 x 1.50 x 1.80 meters	25X1
5 June	tank truck [] with trailer, trucks with trailer and all loaded with old truck tires	a truck with trailer [] and other truck [] with trailer [] each loaded with about 40 to 50 new truck tires; and truck with trailer [] loaded with small boxes and packets, presumably truck tubes	25X1 25X1
8 June	truck [] loaded with old truck tires	truck [] loaded with a gray jet aircraft crate, 3 x 1.50 x 1.80 meters; and a truck loaded with a light-gray box, about 2 x 0.80 x 0.60 meters, containing jet aircraft equipment	25X1
15 July	truck [] with trailer, loaded with part of an aircraft fuselage		25X1
16 July	truck [] with trailer, loaded with 50-liter carboys and truck [] with old truck tires		

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20 July	truck [] loaded with medium boxes and sacks; truck [] with 2 x 300-liter gasoline drums and 7 x 200-liter gasoline drums and a trailer with small boxes, presumably ammunition boxes; and truck [] loaded with old truck tires	6 three-axle tank trucks with trailers refueled from tank truck [] in front of the material depot and subsequently drove toward the town	25X1 25X1 25X1
22 July		truck [] loaded with medium, blue-gray boxes	25X1
23 July	truck [] loaded with old truck tires and truck [] loaded with old aircraft tires and, later, with small carboys for 10 or 15 liters		25X1
27 July	rail shipment of about 4 two-axle truck trailers. The open trailers with cross bows and tarpaulins appeared to have been of a novel and heavier type. They were about 2.50 meters long, 1.40 meters wide and provided with 0.90 meter high sidewalls	17 two-axle truck chassis without numbers and trailer [] occupied by about 10 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and air force insignia	driving toward town 25X1
6 August	trucks [] and [] loaded with old truck tires		25X1
10 "	truck [] loaded with 8 to 10 yellow-polished boxes lined with fillets at both ends. The boxes were about 2.50 x 0.30 x 0.25 meters in size	17 two-axle truck chassis without numbers and trailer [] with about 10 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets with air force insignia	driving toward town 25X1
14 "	a freight train carrying tank trucks and truck chassis was shunted from the railroad station in town to the depot	25 three-axle truck chassis [] and truck [] loaded with gasoline drums and truck [] loaded with trailers	25X1
15 "	truck [] loaded with a jet aircraft crate, 3 x 1.50 x 1.80 meters		25X1
21 "	tank truck []	10 three-axle truck chassis	25X1

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22 August

6 two-axle truck
chassis and tank
truck24 August truck with
3 medium boxes

truck

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25 August

10 two-axle truck
chassis and trailer

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5. At 6 a.m. on 31 May 1953, source observed the arrival of 12 new, light-blue boxes, each 1.50 x 1.50 x 1.80, on 4 gondola cars at the Strausberg-Stadt railroad station. The train came from Strausberg-Vorstadt and was shunted to the material depot. On 8 June, tank truck was refueled from a railroad tank car at the Strausberg-Stadt railroad station and drove either toward Strausberg or Werneuchen airfield.

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6. The following incoming and outgoing shipments were observed at the depot between 18 May and 23 August 1953:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Incoming Shipments</u>	<u>Outgoing Shipments</u> (incomplete)	<u>Notes</u>
18 May	1 boxcarload		
20 May	2 carloads, including one with coal		
21 May	5 boxcarloads		
23 May		5 cars with 10 small special motor vehicles (oil trucks) 3 boxcars with escort personnel	
1 June	7 boxcarloads with 12 jet aircraft crates and another box, probably with elevator assembly		
4 June		3 boxcarloads	
6 June	1 boxcarload		
9 June	1 radio car and 9 two-wheel aggregates for searchlights and 8 boxcarloads		
10 June	5 boxcarloads		
11 June	60 trucks (only chassis and driver's cabins; most of them two-axle, some three-axle)		
17 June	1 boxcarload		

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30 June 6 boxcarloads

4 July 7 jet power plants

15 to 18

July No shipments

22 July 15 jet power plants

5 generators

2 radio trucks

7 empty boxcars

8 August 8 or 9 jet power plants

4 empty boxcars

13 August 75 to 100 truck chassis

The trucks were unloaded on 13 and 14 August. Prior to 23 August, several trucks were picked up daily.

Truck [] was repeatedly observed heading a column. 25X1

21 August 6 jet power plants
4 boxcarloads

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7. Between 18 May and 1 August, [] the following vehicular traffic at the depot: 25X1

18 May Trucks [] and [] proceeded to the depot.

20 " Truck [] with trailer, loaded with boxes and barrels, came from the depot.
Truck [] coming from the depot moved through the town.

21 " Trucks [] and [] were parked in front of the depot.

Truck [] was seen.

Truck [] with trailer, loaded with boxes and brass rods proceeded in the direction of Wolfsthal.

Trucks [] were parked in front of the rolling mill. 25X1

A column consisting of

27 " truck [] loaded with 3 starter carriages set on edge and towing one starter carriage, and 2 oil trucks coming from the rolling mill.

Truck [] coming from the depot.

23 " Truck [] parked in front of the gate.

Trucks [] and Jeep [] were seen.

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1 June Trucks [] and sedan [] were parked in front of the gate to the depot.

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2 June At 6 p.m., trucks including [redacted] hauled 7 jet power plants in the direction of Wolfsthal. At 7 p.m., 4 trucks [redacted] loaded with jet power plants left the depot toward Wolfsthal. 25X1

3 June At 7 p.m., empty Studebaker [redacted] some of them with trailers [redacted] loaded with 3 drums of gasoline arrived at the depot. Trucks [redacted] and 12 new tank trucks with trailers arrived at the depot. 25X1

4 June At 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., trucks loaded with 7 and 12 jet power plants respectively left the depot. Truck [redacted] with trailer [redacted] and truck [redacted] with trailer [redacted] loaded with old tires arrived at the depot. 25X1

5 June At 6 p.m., trucks [redacted] with trailers [redacted] and trucks [redacted] loaded with 6 jet power plants, left the depot. 25X1

6 June Trucks [redacted] were parked in front of the depot, [redacted] in front of the gate. Truck [redacted] loaded with a jet power plant left the installation. 25X1

10 June Trucks [redacted] the latter belonging to the airfield, and sedan [redacted] were seen. 25X1

11 June [redacted] with trailer [redacted] and sedan [redacted] and the two latter belonging to the airfield, proceeded empty to the depot. 25X1

12 June Truck [redacted] was seen. In the evening, sedan [redacted] which belonged to the depot proceeded to the criminal investigation police. Later, a motor vehicle of the criminal investigation police proceeded to the depot. 25X1

15 June Truck [redacted] with trailer [redacted] loaded with boxes, tank trucks [redacted] and truck [redacted] loaded with a jet power plant left the depot. 25X1

18 June Truck [redacted] and jeep [redacted] stopped in front of the depot. 25X1

19 June Truck [redacted] with trailer [redacted] and truck [redacted] with trailer [redacted] loaded with boxes left the depot.

24 June Ten trucks without superstructures left the depot.

26 June Truck [redacted] loaded with 3 drums with gasoline and 10 trucks without superstructures left the depot. 25X1

29 June Truck [redacted] with trailer [redacted] loaded with 3 drums with gasoline and 10 trucks without superstructures left the depot.

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- 1 July Truck [] with trailer loaded with battery boxes and aircraft tires, truck [] with trailer [] loaded with 6 drums with gasoline and 10 trucks without superstructures left the depot. 25X1
- 6 July Truck [] loaded with boxes left the rolling mill. 25X1
Truck [] leading a column of 10 trucks without superstructures left the depot.
- 7 July Truck [] with trailer [] loaded with motor vehicle tires entered the depot.
- 8 July Truck [] with trailer [] was seen.
Truck [] loaded with tires entered the depot.
- 9 July Truck [] and sedans [] were seen, 25X1
the latter in town.
- 10 July Trucks [] with trailer [] loaded with motor vehicle tires entered the depot. 25X1
- 13 July Truck [] with trailer [] and truck [] 25X1
with trailer [] stopped in front of the depot, truck No [] with trailer [] loaded with about 150 motor vehicle tires left the depot.
- 16 July Truck [] was seen in front of the depot, truck [] 25X1
with trailer [] loaded with 1 generator, 1 hoisting gear and fuselage parts of jet aircraft was observed.
- 21 July Truck [] carrying 6 gasoline drums and a pick-up detail 25X1
arrived. Nine tank trucks with trailers, 3 of which were observed being fueled in front of the depot, left.
- 22 July Truck [] towed away 4 tank trucks with trailers. Ambulance [] 25X1
stopped in front of the depot.
- 23 July Two tank trucks with trailers left.
- 1 August Trucks [] which belonged to the depot and previously had [] 25X1
[] which belonged to the depot or airfield, were seen.
- 8 . The depot was occupied by an estimated 40 officers and 140 EM. The fatigue detail, when it lined up for reveille had an estimated strength of 30 officers and 80 to 100 EM.
9. The noise of running jet power plants was heard at 8:45 a.m. on 12 August and at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on 13 August for a few minutes. 3
10. Between 1 June and 15 July, building No 20 apparently was reconditioned. The upper rooms were furnished with radiators, the walls were smoothed. One room of about 10 x 10 meters on the ground floor was to be provided with 22 radiators and the ceiling perforated [] 25X1

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[] this was to become a drying room. The iron lattice of the main gate to the depot had been covered with sheet metal. The upper rooms of the hangar housing the test stand for jet engines were also to be provided with radiators.

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11. In late May, some large crates were observed between hangars Nos 4 and 8. Later, the crates were shipped away. []

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1. [] Comment. The fact that the test stand for jet engines was used only seldom and for short periods supports the assumption that occasionally jet engine tests are made but no repairs are performed at the depot.
2. [] Comment. On 12 days between 1 June and 8 August, i.e. 17 percent of the period under review, [] about 200 incoming boxcarloads, two thirds of which consisted of truck chassis. Outgoing shipments were only observed on 3 days. Therefore, no comparison with the volume of incoming and outgoing traffic reported previously is possible.

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4. [] Comment. Possibly, the crates contained parts of aircraft frames including fuselages and wings. For sketch of crate, see Annex.

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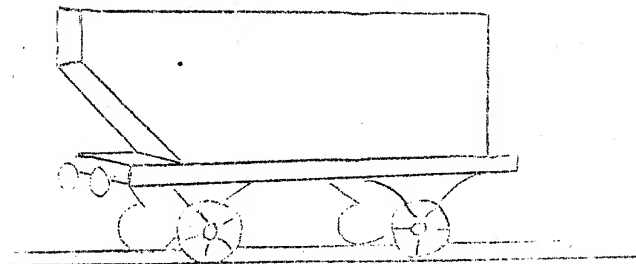
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Crate on Railroad Car Observed at Strausberg Depot



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